(c) No funds have been allotted for setting up more NYKs in the State during 2003-04.

Making National Youth Commission a permanent body

1480. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of making the National Youth Commission a permanent body;

(b) if so, when it would be done and what are the broad parameters of the subjects this Commission would address; and

(c) whether to give fillip to sports and games, Government would nominate a Member to this Commission having proven expertise of this subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A National Commission for Youth was set up *vide* Resolution No. 16-5/2001 YS. III dated 15.03.2002. A copy of its terms of reference is annexed as statement (*see* below). The Commission has 5 members and one Member-Secretary, all of whom have been appointed. The present tenure of the Commission expires on 15.09.2003.

Statement

Terms of Reference of the National Commission for Youth

(i) To construct and recommend an action oriented strategy and approach for the development of youth and suggest new policy measures and programmes, which are multi-dimensional and cross-cutting, after an in-depth analysis of the problems faced by them, with particular reference to the problem of youth employment suggesting measures to identify, encourage and build up the capacity of talented youth in the North-Eastern region.

(ii) To review existing youth related schemes and programmes implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports as well as by other Ministries/Departments of the Government

of India with particular reference to their potential for employment generation and to recommend measures to make them more effective and increase their outreach and coverage in line with Government thinking to cover the entire Youth population with one or the other Youth Programmes such as NCC, TA, NSS.

(iii) To conceptualize a frame-work for coordination of youth related activities of State Government, Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, NGOs and the private sector and to recommend measures for convergence.

(iv) To look into the recommendations of the Working Group on Adolescents set up by the Planning Commission and suggest specific intervention strategies for catering to needs of this group.

(v) To suggest measures for the implementation of the Plan of Action of the new National Youth Policy.

(vi) While framing its recommendations, the Commission shall be guided by a realistic assessment of the resources that can be made available by the Government.

Proposal for World half marathon

1481. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to host World half-marathon in 2004; if so, the details of the event;

(b) what is the number of marathon runners expected to participate in the event; and

(c) whether the International Association of Athletics Federation would host this event?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) The